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Applicants : B. Muller-Rober et al.

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Application No. : 08/702,718

Confirmation No. : 7038

Filed : March 19, 1997

For : PROCESSES FOR INHIBITING AND FOR INDUCING
FLOWER FORMATION IN PLANTS

New York, New York
April 9, 2002

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 2327
Arlington, VA 22202

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)
FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Examiner's Action dated October 9, 2001.

With the extension, a response is due on or before April 9, 2002. A check in the amount of \$890.00, in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3), is enclosed herewith.

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The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due,
or to credit overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of
this Petition is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,



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